

ABSTRACT OF SAID THE DISCLOSURE

There are provided a character processing method and apparatus capable of editing and printing a plurality of texts, as desired, even by using a small-sized display screen, without reading/writing each text frequently, and a storage medium storing a program therefor. A matrix having elements of  $M (\geq 1)$  characters in one of row and column directions (X direction) by  $1 (\geq 2)$  characters in the other (Y direction) is set as a text matrix. Text data of characters in the text matrix is stored in correlation with a position of each character in the text matrix. Text data of characters in the text matrix is stored in correlation with a position of each character in the text matrix. A partial matrix of the text matrix, which has elements of maximum  $N (1 \leq N \leq M)$  by  $J (1 \leq J \leq L, 1 \leq J < L)$  characters in the X and Y directions is set as a display matrix. Images of characters in the display matrix are displayed in correlation with a position of each character in the display matrix, based on the text data. ~~An arbitrary k-th one, where  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  or  $L$ , of  $L$  partial matrices of the text matrix arranged in the Y direction each having one character in the Y direction and maximum  $M$  characters in the X direction is set as a k-th candidate processing matrix. One of the  $L$  candidate processing matrices is selected as a processing matrix, and characters in the processing matrix are determined as processing characters.~~